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SPECIAL OFFERINGS THIS WEEK

that will go a long way toward helping you solve the problem of whether you will be able to replace that worn rug this spring. If you haven't the ready cash on hand, our club plan fills the bill.

"Bigelow Electra" Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet.....	\$21.50
Best Axminster Large Size Rugs, 12x15 feet.....	\$32.50
Fine Axminster Rugs, worth \$22.50, 9x12 feet.....	\$16.50
Best Axminster Rugs, extra large, 12.0x13.6.....	\$30.00
Mattings Rugs, reversible; heavy; 9x12 feet all colors.....	\$2.69
Linoleum, 4 yards wide.....	.65c
Matting, worth 25c yard.....	.19c
Wool Fibre Rugs, 9x12 feet.....	\$5.98
"Bigelow Electra" Axminster Rugs, 11.3x12 feet.....	\$28.50
Inlaid Linoleum, colors through to the back; all new patterns.....	.35c
Best Axminster Rugs, large size, 10.6x13.6.....	\$27.60
Fine Axminster, the popular Rugs, 11.3x12 size.....	\$21.50
Ingrain Art Squares, 3x4 yards, extra heavy.....	\$4.50
Ingrain Carpets.....	.49c

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Country Cured Bacon.....	19c
Breakfast Bacon, per lb.....	9c
Fancy Sugar Cured Ham, lb.....	18c
California and Florida Hams, per lb.....	16c
African Java Coffee, per lb.....	22c
Rio and Java Blend per lb.....	24c
Rio Coffee per lb.....	28c
Creamery Butter per pound.....	29c
Potatoes Per Bushel.....	85c
Butternut Bacon Per Pound.....	22c
Sugar, Per 25 lb. Sack.....	\$1.07
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Hutchison & Gibney
Xenia, Ohio

The Cedarville, Herald.

Shoo Per Year.

KARL HULL, Editor

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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1914

Another change for the sake of change is contemplated by the people of Oregon. They will vote at the next election upon a constitutional amendment abolishing the State Senate. This movement was started and is being promoted by the farmer and labor organizations. There are probably some special local reasons as to the personality and conduct of the Oregon Senate which has led to this. As a rule, State Senates, being elected in the same way as the Houses, have been only objectionable as cumbersome and tardy. But this has been generally a benefit. Legislatures pass entirely too many laws, and a large portion of the statute books of every State is made up of laws that have been forgotten and nobody expects to have enforced. Oregon has been given over more than Kansas to political experiments of late years.

When facts are presented a man is usually attracted and desires to be classed with those who are honest in their views. Some days ago we heard a prominent Republican make a strong statement against the repeal of the Panama canal bill. Since then he has changed his views, being turned by the statement that the owner of the leading Cincinnati paper owned thousands of shares of steamship company stock or stock in other companies that own their own vessels and that by letting home vessels have free use of the canal that cost this government 500 million dollars this stock would double in value. We have taken the same position on the canal repeal bill. Politics should not enter when the financial interests are undergoing a transition from the Christian Union of Clifton to attend the cantata, "King Alcohol," given Tuesday evening.

REMEMBER THE DATE—MAY 2. Mr. Neale of the Xenia Theological Seminary visited our meeting Sabbath evening. We were also favored with a visit by Miss Mary Murdoch and Mrs. Morton. "OY, IT'S JUST LIKE HOME!" The Christian Endeavor Society came to the kingdom, in part at least, I devoutly believe, to save the prayer meeting, its pledge, its constitution, its practice, its history, all tend toward this. Its innumerable activities all center around the prayer meeting more than do those of any other church organization.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Marsh have been in Milford this week owing to the sickness and death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Roubens, which occurred Sabbath. Burial took place at Owensville, O.

The village board of education has selected Miss Edna Shroeder for the teacher in the second grade and Miss Viola Graham for the 7 and 8th grades. Miss Graham has been teaching for the past two years in Clark county. Her father recently purchased the Pollock farm.

Mr. O. E. Bradfute met with an accident to his auto Thursday that damaged the machine somewhat. While turning from Main street to North he attempted to arrange something in the back seat and before he knew it he was headed straight for an electric light pole. There was not time to turn out and the pole was struck with full force.

—FOR SALE—Plymouth Rock eggs, fine fertility at 60c per setting of 16. Mrs. W. H. Creswell.

A joint meeting of the Cedarville and Ross township school board was held Thursday evening at which time Prof. F. P. Ritenour was employed for another year at a salary of \$1000 per year. These two districts will comprise a unit under the new law although there has been joint supervision for several years.

Very Serious
It is a very serious matter to ask for one medicine and have the wrong one given you. For this reason we urge you in buying to be careful to get the genuine—
THEODORE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine
The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is so high that it is known all over the world. It is better than other medicines, it is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a longer sale than all others combined.
SOLD IN TOWN

ALL GO TO CHURCH.

The coming Sabbath, May 3, is "all go to church Sabbath" for Cedarville. The "all go to church Sabbath" observed in many communities has proved popular and beneficial. It goes without saying that you owe an incalculable debt to the church for its continued, faithful and uplifting moral and religious influences through all these years. We are glad to note how eagerly the people of this community are taking hold of this opportunity to be present at the services of the different churches next Sabbath to express their appreciation for the character and service of the church to our community and country. Splendid reports from other towns and villages of the large audiences who responded to the "all go to church Sabbath," cannot but inspire every citizen of this village and community possessed of loyalty and pride for the place where we live to be out at church next Sabbath.

Lay aside everything that would deter you from attending on other Sabbaths and join your neighbors, friends and the whole community in attending some one of the churches. The churches will appreciate your presence; they will welcome you; they will miss you if you should be one of the few who may stay away. Of course you are a friend of the church, then show it by being at church May 3. It will do you good. It will do the church good. It will do the community good. There remains but this final word and that is, in view of the manifold blessings of God so mercifully continued and bountifully bestowed upon all of us it is one of the least and yet one of the best things we can do to gather ourselves into the house of God in accord with his command and render unto Him praise and thanksgiving. Show thus your gratitude to God. Come next Sabbath to the churches and welcome.

THE DRUM AND ROUSE UP SOCIETY FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

BEEN TAGGED YET? The society received an invitation from the Christian Union of Clifton to attend the cantata, "King Alcohol," given Tuesday evening. REMEMBER THE DATE—MAY 2. Mr. Neale of the Xenia Theological Seminary visited our meeting Sabbath evening. We were also favored with a visit by Miss Mary Murdoch and Mrs. Morton.

EVERYBODY'S GOING!! In Duffield College, Mt. Lebanon, Syria, are two thriving Christian Endeavor Societies, with sixty members each; some of whom are not even Christians. Some are Druses, some Mohammedans, some Jews. The members that are Christians represent the Greek, the Roman Catholic, the Maronite and the Protestant churches.

YOU GET THERE—SURE The Christian Endeavor World of April 23 makes note under the heading—Out for Facts, some of the works and accomplishments of our society. Dr. Ritchie, of Clifton, will occupy the pulpit of the R. P. church on May 3.

THE FEAST IS READY—COME. Leadership is all right, but "pusher-ship" is a sterling characteristic, and needs more commendation than it now gets. Consolation is not wrapping one's self in a holy web in the sanctuary; a majority of twelve in the senate. It is going into the world and using every power for God's glory. —Henry W. Beecher. GLAD YOU ARE COMING. 1505 new comrades of the Quiet Hour were enrolled in March, bringing the total membership of the church up to 80,628. Of these 1505, 210 were from Ohio.

"The pessimist Fletcher," his guttural pills. The optimist gets treed by a bear and ends the story. BRING ANOTHER MAN! "Some one has seen the United Society an order for a 'Deficiency' chart. That's not a bad name for it." No, indeed; quite an idea. Remember that while our Efficiency is 32, our Deficiency is 68.

"How many attendants will our church see?" If every member is just like me? SUNDAY WITH US. "If we permit the tongue to utter all the indulgences we think, it will get in the habit of talking indigo all the time."

Smile when the taggers get you! You've been thinking about it. DO IT NOW! The Christian Endeavor society has sometimes been called the church of tomorrow. The only quarrel I have to make with this statement is that it is too remote and prophetic, for, as I said things, Christian Endeavor is, in no small sense, the church of today. There is hardly a line of Christian service upon which it has not red.—Pres. Bidwell, of the Conn. Y.M.C.A.

Miss Kyle will lead the meeting on May 3. The subject is the Faith Verse, Hebrews 11:1, which is also the passage to be memorized.

WILL SEE YOU SABBATH. Messrs. Frank Turnbull and Ernest Hutchison have made shipments of stock to the Polled Angus sale at Chicago. The former sent three head and the latter two.

Old Lady Some Pedestrian. In 1851 an old Cornish fishwife of eighty-four, named Mary Callins, walked from Penzance to London to see the great exhibition in Hyde park. The distance is nearly 200 miles. The old lady created a sensation and was noticed by Queen Victoria. She had vowed to call on the lord mayor before returning, and she carried out her intention, but, of course, was not permitted to walk back.

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In announcing the opening of our new business home we had planned to send invitations to every family in Springfield and vicinity but in compiling our mailing lists we find that no matter how carefully it is done some one was forgotten.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Go to church Sabbath.

Mrs. J. W. Radabaugh is taking treatment at the McClellan hospital.

Mr. John Strovbridge has given up the restaurant and hotel business and has moved to the Raymond Bull place south of town.

Dr. Isaac Wisterman has been on the sick list this week, his son, Frank, from Rockford, being called here.

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Join the procession and go to church Sabbath. This is not a local but a national movement.

Mrs. Sidney Smith, driving a horse and buggy owned by her father, C. W. Crouse, had a runaway on Tuesday morning that might have caused serious trouble. The horse frightened and overturned the buggy, throwing Mrs. Smith out. It was fortunate that she was not injured other than a few bruises. The buggy was damaged somewhat.

William McCoy has rented the rooms over the Home Clothing store and will open a new barber shop.

Mr. Willard Trout, who recently purchased the Randall property on North Main street, moved into same on Tuesday.

Wilberforce University debating team won honors over Howard University last Friday evening. The subject was: Resolved, "That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Telegraph and Telephone Systems of the U. S." Howard University upheld the affirmative, while Wilberforce the negative. The judges were Hon. Chase Stewart (Cincinnati), Dr. W. R. McChesney, Cedarville, and Wilbur King, Columbus.

Mr. Baper Wade has given \$8000 bond and has been appointed administrator of the estate of Levi G. Atkinson, Atkinson of Ross township. The appraisers are W. A. and Alex. McDorman and J. W. Butcher.

Miss Elja Smith, representing the State Library was in town Wednesday inspecting the local institution.

Painting and Rubber Tires at Wolford's.

Mr. C. N. Stuckey suffered an attack of heart trouble last Friday but has since improved so as to be about.

Mrs. A. R. Van Fossen, of Erie, Pa., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barber for several days. Rev. Van Fossen formerly taught in the public schools here and has just recently moved to Springfield, Ill.

Everybody in some church Sabbath.

Mr. C. F. Marshall who has been housed some time by sickness, is again able to be about.

Painting and Rubber Tires At Wolford's.

If you don't happen to go to church don't scoff at those who do.

Mrs. C. W. Dean has gone to West Liberty to visit a new niece that arrived at her sister's some days ago.

According to the Enquirer Wednesday the Supreme court over-ruled a motion to hear the Haley-Hanna fence case that has been in court for some time. Mr. Hanna had secured a verdict in the court of appeals.

Messrs. Smith and Howard Chalmers and their wives spent Sabbath with Mr. C. W. Dean and family.

Miss Helen Oglesbee will give a piano recital of nine numbers in the college chapel next Tuesday. She will be assisted by Miss Mildred Crouse, soprano, in four numbers. Both young ladies are accomplished and a very pleasing program has been arranged.

Towns and cities have tasted of the Go-to-Church movement and whole communities have been aroused and every person found in some church.

Painting and Rubber Tires At Wolford's.

The local lodge of Masons entertained a number of visiting members from the Xenia and Yellow Springs lodges Thursday evening. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Word was received here Monday of the death of Mr. J. C. Foley, editor of the Scioto, O. Herald, which occurred Sabbath night. Mr. Foley had not been in good health for several months. He leaves a wife, formerly Lida Tarbox, and two children, Ruth and John. The deceased came here from Loveland and was first employed on the Herald and later became editor of the Record. He was well read in law and for a time practiced in this county.

Painting and Rubber Tires At Wolford's.

The annual meeting of the R. P. congregation was held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Wm. Robler will entertain a number of his friends at a May party Friday evening.

Mrs. D. S. Ervin fell when a step ladder slipped last Friday and as a result suffered painful injury to her right limb.

Mrs. F. A. Jurkat has been sick with the grip.

Mr. John Stewart, of Cincinnati, spent Wednesday and Thursday at home.

Mr. Hugh Marshall has moved back from Springfield and has taken the rooms in the Harper house vacated by Mr. M. C. Nagley.

FOR SALE:—George property in Cedarville; fine location, bargain price. Andrew George.

Mr. Ralph McMillan, who for several years has been located in Mexico City is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan, of Columbus. Ralph left that country on the 7th of April and escaped the recent trouble. He will visit his Cedarville friends and relatives in a few days.

The South Charleston minstrels last Friday night were attended by a number of local people who were well pleased with the show. It was necessary to repeat it Tuesday night to accommodate the crowds. The Sentinel has the following to say concerning Prof. G. F. Siegler as musical director: Prof. Siegler rendered "When the Maple Leaves Were Falling," and the handsome encore given him was evidence that his efforts were highly appreciated, and that this valuable services rendered as musical director were recognized by the audience.



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The following account of a pleasant birthday party given at the Orchard Springs sanatorium in Dayton for Mrs. J. D. George, a former Cedarville woman, will be of interest to her many friends in this county.

On Wednesday the birthday anniversary of Mrs. J. D. George was

celebrated at the home of her son, Dr. John Cecil George, manager of the Orchard Springs sanatorium, Dayton, Ohio. About twenty-five friends enjoyed the occasion. An inviting three-course dinner, with elegant appointments and service, was provided for the occasion. Out of town guests were: Mrs. Ervin Farris and Mrs. J. A. Burns, of Cedarville. Much credit for the pleasure of the occasion is due to the thoughtful, efficient management of the matron, Mrs. J. N. Dean, of Xenia, Mrs. David Walker, of Tranquillity, O., and Miss Edna Fields, of Jamestown, O.



The honorary guest, Mrs. George, is far towards the eve of life, having passed on this occasion the 81st milestone. Mrs. George has been the mother of three children. There are eight grand children and two great grand children. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. George, with daughters, Marion and Helen, of Jamestown, O., and A. M. George, of Jamestown, O., and Dr. J. C. George, participating in the celebration of the day and its enjoyment. The daughter, Mrs. J. M. Milligan, of Olathe, Kansas, and R. O. George, of Belle Center, were unable to be present. The George family may be said to belong to the

pioneer families, having lived in Greene county well over half a century. Dr. J. C. George, the youngest son, is well known generally throughout the county, having served on the Educational Examiner board a number of years; also having occupied the position for several years of assistant superintendent of Dayton State hospital, and superintendent of Miami Valley hospital. Dr. George is manager and joint proprietor with Dr. A. F. Sheppard, of Ohio Board of Administration, of the Orchard Springs sanatorium in the edge of North Dayton. —Xenia Republican, April 15.

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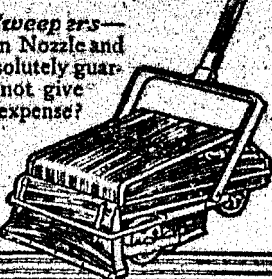
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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

LESSON FOR MAY 3

THE PRODIGAL SON.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 15:11-32. **GOLDEN TEXT**—"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight." Luke 15:18.

The parables of Jesus are marvels of unity and condensation, yet a necessary detail is omitted. This, perhaps his most famous, is no exception even though it does carry a double lesson. Who thinks of the older brother when this story is mentioned? Though designated the "Story of the Prodigal," we need to remind ourselves that the word "prodigal" never once occurs in the story. The opening sentence speaks of a father and of two sons. It is really the parable of a perfect father, the unveiling of the true heart of God. Against that background is set a self-centered son lacking in natural affection. Also alongside the wayward son is the miserly, selfish one who lacked all the good qualities of his brother, but who was truly a wanderer and out of harmony with God the Father. In the background, we see the citizens of the far country who helped this young Jew to his place of want, famine and degradation. Remember, it is our Lord speaking to Jews. When the Gentiles of the far country sent him to feed swine they insulted him by compelling him to go to his living through an occupation instinctively repulsive.

First Fruit of Sin.

The father makes equal partition "divided unto them." (v. 12) though neither son had a right to demand a partition of his estate. At the bottom of the son's request was a desire to have his own way—to be independent of God. He did not go away from home at once, though his heart was already in the "far country."

I. Into the Far Country, vv. 13-16. Sin is the first fruit of sin, and that the son readily found so long as his money lasted (vv. 13-14). But the consequences followed closely on its trail, for when he had "spent all" he began to live in "want." There are many attractive things about this young man, but those qualities were perverted, they lacked control, they were good servants, but bad taskmasters. It is not always physical, temporal want that comes to the sinner, there are deeper and more intense longings—soul want and soul hunger. These always come to the soul away from God. Being in want does not mean that a man will have been subdued. Some prodigals in the most abject temporal need are as proud as Lucifer, and boast of their rebellion. So he "joined himself to a citizen of the country." He did not belong there—the citizen did. He was set to the most degrading task imaginable for a Jew—feeding swine.

Like a Lost Sheep.

II. The Home Coming, vv. 17-24. The first step was for the son to stop and really think. That is where salvation always begins—in thinking. He knew he was lost, e. g., out of adjustment, in the wrong place, out of his element and like the lost sheep, "ready to die." He saw his condition, money gone, friends gone, hogs for companions, no food for his sustenance. He saw his value. He was more important than the servants of his father's home. He saw his father's love, already manifested in what had been given him and we felt would believe that when he left home he had the father's urgent plea to return. He saw a way to escape from his present position. All of this after he "came to himself." Before that, impatient, he was impatient, now he has reasoned, Isa. 1:18. With his reasoning also came the determination to make a full confession. "I will say unto him," not alone confess his need but the fact that he had sinned. This is the only way for a sinner to come to God, Ps. 32:5-6; I John 1:9; Luke 18:13-14. He did not stop with resolving but "he arose and came to his father," v. 20. He expected to apply for a servant's position, but never had the opportunity for the father saw him "a great way off" and "ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." Notice the kiss of reconciliation was given before he even had a chance to confess. In his confession his first thought is that he had sinned against God and then against his earthly father. The father had not once forgotten him; he "had compassion" even though the son was unmerciful to himself and to all of his loved ones. The father kissed him before he was washed or otherwise made presentable.

Neither of the sons are perfect but he who uttered the parable was himself the true son of the father. He never departed from his father, wasted his father's substance, nor brought discredit upon his name. Jesus was in full sympathy with his father's heart for he welcomed the wandering publicans and sinners to himself, took the journey into the far country to find the wayward and to bring them home. Christ's mission was to bring many "sons to glory" (Heb. 2:10), which means restoring the wanderer and fulfilling in him the perfectness of sonship.



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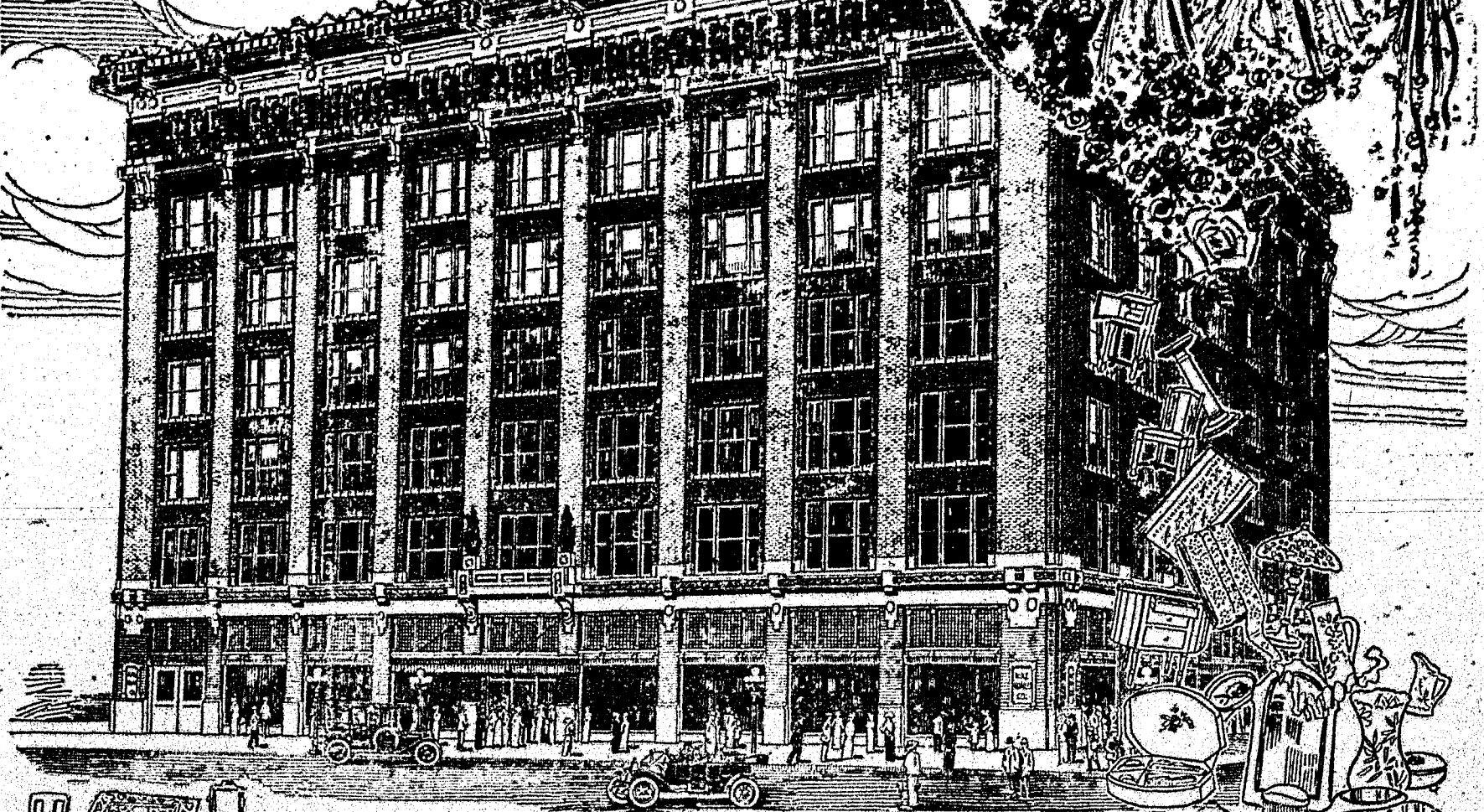
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